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FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM AMBASSADOR STABLER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT OF SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO BRUSSELS

1. TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE IN BRUSSELS MARCH 20 AND 21 FOR BILATERAL TALKS AT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. THEY ARE JOSE LUIS DE LOS ARCOS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN POLICY AND THE MINISTRY'S THIRD RANKING OFFICIAL, AND NUNO AGUIRRE DE CARCER, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

2. AGUIRRE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VERY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF YOUR MISSION WHO DEAL WITH NATO POLITICAL AFFAIRS. WHILE AGUIRRE IN THE PAST KNEW SOME USNATO STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAD COME TO MADRID FOR REGULAR NAC AND DPC BRIEFINGS, HIS CONTACTS HAVE NOW DEPARTED AND HE WOULD APPRECIATE OUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHOM HE MIGHT CONTACT. SPANISH STATE THAT HTEIR SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATIONS WITH BELGIANS IS STILL TO BE WORKED OUT, SO THEY WOULD PREFER TO TRY TO SET UP ANY APPOINTMENTS AFTER ARRIVAL IF THEIR TIME PERMITS. ALSO UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME WHETHER DE LOS ARCORS WOULD ACCOMPANY AGUIRRE ON CALLS. SINCE CONTACTS OF THIS SORT
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COMPLEMENT OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP SPANISH INFORMED ON NATO MATTERS

AS PART OF GENERAL EFFORT TO PROMOTE CLOSER ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO, I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR ANY COURTESIES THAT MIGHT BE SHOWN THEM IF THEY DO CONTACT YOUR MISSION. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHICH OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS THEY MIGHT GET IN TOUCH WITH AFTER ARRIVAL TO WORK OUT FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

3. SPANISH HAVE HAD FREQUENT CONTACTS IN PAST WITH CINCEUR BY VIRTUE GENERAL GOODPASTER'S POSITION ON SPANISH-US JOINT COMMITTEE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRESENT SPANISH VISITORS MAY WISH TO ARRANGE CALL ON GENERAL HAIG OR APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. IF SO, I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER ASSISTANCE YOUR MISSION MAY GIVE THEM IN MAKING APPOINTMENT.
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